

means for compiling and storing the packets to be delivered;

wireless transmission means for transmitting all of said packets to the entire network without any interaction by users of said printer appliances, said wireless transmission means comprising a pager system; and

at least one printer appliance on said network of printer appliances, said at least one appliance including:

means for identifying individual printer appliances;

receiving means for receiving all of said packets without any interaction by users of said printer appliances;

processing means for automatically accepting and selectively processing only those packets intended for said individual printer appliance from all those packets

received without any interaction by users of said printer appliances; and

printing means for passively printing the intended packet without any further action by a user of said appliance.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (AMENDED) A system for passively delivering printed packets of information to intended recipients of said packets on a network of printer appliances without the need for any interaction by a user of said printer appliances, said system including:

a bank for receiving and storing the packets to be delivered;

a subscriber directory for storing the names and information of intended recipients of said packets;

a database manager for processing the packets from the bank and subscriber information from said subscriber directory and identifying those recipients eligible for receiving said packets;

a pager network for transmitting said packets to said recipients without any interaction by users of said printer appliances;

a transmission sequencer for placing the packets to be delivered into a predetermined order of transmission to the printer appliances; and

at least one printer appliance on said network of printer appliances, said at least one printer appliance including:

means for identifying individual printer appliances;

receiving means for receiving all of said packets without any interaction by users of said printer appliances;

processing means for automatically accepting and selectively processing only those packets intended for said individual printer appliance from all those packets received without any interaction by users of said printer appliances; and

printing means for passively printing the intended packet without any further action by a user of said appliance.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (AMENDED) A method for transmitting packets of information over a pager network to a network of remote printer appliances, each of said appliances including means to receive and selectively print predetermined packets, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting one or more of said packets over said pager network to all of the appliances on the network, each of said packets including a destination identifier to identify only those printer appliances intended to process and print a particular packet; [and]

passively receiving said packets at each of said appliances without any interaction by users of said printer appliances [, each of said appliances being adapted to decode said destination identifier and selectively process and passively print only those packets intended for said appliance without any further action by a user of said appliance]

decoding said destination identifier to identify those individual printer appliances for which each of said packets is intended;

automatically accepting and selectively processing only those packets intended for said printer appliance using said decoded destination identifier without any further action by a user of said appliance; and

passively printed said accepted and selectively processed packets.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (AMENDED) A method for transmitting packets over a pager network to a network of remote printer appliances each having a unique appliance identification number, said method comprising the steps of:

developing a subscriber directory of all subscribers including the appliance number of their printer appliance;

creating a packet to be dispatched to at least one of said recipients;

identifying the potential recipients for the packet;

coding said packet with the appliance identification number of the intended recipients;